

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled UNIVERSAL JOINT COUPLING specification of which was filed herewith;

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s):

Priority Claimed

| (Number) | (Country) | YES | NO | (Day/Month/Year Filed) |
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| (Number) | (Country) | YES | NO | (Day/Month/Year Filed) |

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

Mick A. Nylander (Registration No. 37,200)

Address all correspondence and telephone calls to Mick A. Nylander, at GKN Automotive, Inc., 3300 University Drive, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326-2362.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of sole or first inventor Hans Wormsbaeher

Inventor's signature Hans Wormsbaeher Date 05/06/1999

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Full name of second joint inventor \_\_\_\_\_

Inventor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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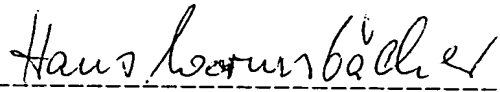
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ASSIGNMENT

For the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, Hans Wormsbaecher of 2402 Mercury Drive, Lake Orion, Michigan 48360, do hereby assign, sell and set over to GKN Automotive, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, and having a place of business at 3300 University Drive, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326-2362 hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest, domestic and foreign, in and to the inventions and discoveries in UNIVERSAL JOINT COUPLING set forth in the application for United States Letters Patent executed by me on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1999, including the right of said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives to make applications and to receive Letters Patent for said inventions and discoveries in any and all foreign countries in its or their own name or names, or in my name, at its or their election, and I hereby assign, sell and set over to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives, all rights of priority in and to said inventions and discoveries in all countries.

And I hereby agree for myself, my heirs, successors, assigns or other legal representatives to execute any and all papers, including applications for Letters Patent of any and all kinds in any and all of said countries, and to perform any and all acts which said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives may deem necessary to secure thereto the rights herein assigned, sold and set over.

And I hereby represent and warrant that I have not granted any rights inconsistent with the rights granted herein.

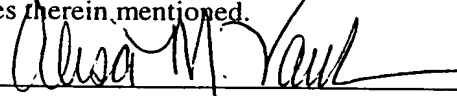
  
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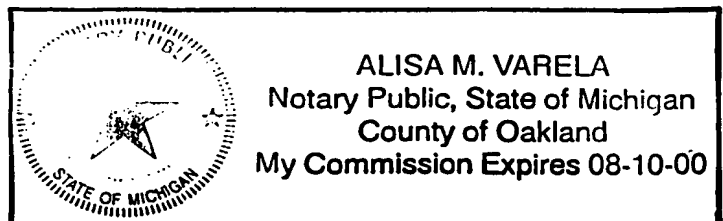
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COUNTY OF OAKLAND

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1999, personally appeared before me Hans Wormsbaecher, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

  
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ALISA M. VARELA, Notary Public  
My Commission expires: 08-10-2000

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